(a) whether it is a fact that Rs. 165/- is being spent by Government for per capita medical treatment;

(b) if not, the fact in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this amount is far less in comparison to the other countries of the world such as Japan, America, England, France and China; and

(d) if so, the comparative details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) According to WHO Report 2002 "Reducing Risks, Promoting Healthy Life", the per capita Government expenditure on health was US $ 4 in 2000.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The comparative details are as under: Per capita Government expenditure on health at average exchange rate in 2000:

(inUS$)

Japan	2230
U.S.A.	1992
U.K.	1415
France	1563
China	17
India	4

Monitoring of ultra sound diagnostic clinics

526. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by Government to strictly monitor the illegal activities of ultrasound diagnostic clinics to prevent female foeticide in the different parts of the country;

(b) the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to give directions to the State Government for the Constitution of district level committees to monitor such illegal activities;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) As ultrasound machines can be misused for detecting the sex of unborn child, leading to female foeticide, their use has been explicitly brought within the purview of the Pre-conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act, 1994 after its amendment with effect from 14.2.2003.

States/UTs have also been directed to seal and seize ultrasound machines, which are based at places not registered under the Act.

Manufacturers have been directed to sell the ultrasound machines to the persons whose centre/clinic is registered under the Act and send regular reports to the concerned Appropriate Authorities of State/UT. Department of Family Welfare has also issued advertisement in about 1100 newspapers all over the country about the amendments made in the PNDT Act regulating sale of ultra-sound machines/imaging machines to clinics registered under the Act.

Further, the National Inspection and Monitoring Committee constituted at national level to take stock of the ground realities in the field is also visiting centres/clinics to check the records of ultrasound done on pregnant women required to be maintained under the Act.

As per the reports received from States/UTs 21,667 clinics have been registered under the Act, 191 ultrasound machines are reported to have been sealed and seized on violation of the law. 418 complaints have been filed in the Court/Police against violators of the law.

(c) to (e) District Level Appropriate Authorities have already been appointed in all the States/UTs. Each Appropriate Authority is assisted by an eight member Advisory Committee for implementation of the Act and monitoring and checking the activities of various clinics and ultrasound centres to curb their misuse.

Life saving medical equipments in hospitals

527. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR:

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that hospitals are not having life saving medical equipments as compared to the private owned super speciality hospitals in the NCT of Delhi;